

IRMA TIMES

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RESIDENT IN THE IRMA
TRADING AREA

What Is It..... Milk!



Milk still rates eager inspection from youngsters in Jaccapara, Honduras, to whom it has always been a rarity. But every Saturday now is milk-drinking time for them since the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) began a special program last June aimed at pre-school children. This is the age group hardest hit by undernourishment from the area's standard black bean and tortilla diet. UNICEF has supplied milk to Honduras since 1950 and, with UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, has helped the Government set up feeding programs which reach 45,000 children of all ages.

Northern Nuggets

Mr. and Mrs. Len Imbeau of Edmonton, the former Maxine Ambler, spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Rob-Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Prior and Ronnie and Mrs. Art Pierce motored to Wetaskiwin on Tuesday, March 6 for a short visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. V. Johnson, and family. Erle is staying for a few days to assist in finishing Evelyn's new home.

On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Currie and family moved to Irma and will reside temporarily in Mrs. Shaw's house.

Mr. N. Meakin was released from hospital on Saturday and is recuperating at the Lambert home.

EASTERLY ECHOES

Mrs. E. Fenton is attending Grand Lodge in Edmonton this week, a delegate from the local LOBA.

Congratulations to our former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. M. Binger, who have a new grandson. He is the son of Ken and Joy Teeter and is named Darrel Martin.

Joy Worthington from Edson is visiting her parents here. One sign of spring: Born on the farm of Bill Veer recently, a fine colt, son of famous Sister's Best.

Canada's population was estimated to be 15,794,000 at December 1 last year, an increase of 382,000 from a year previously. Increase in the preceding twelve-month period was 405,000.

Weekly Inspirational Corner

(Sponsored by an Irma Times reader)

My son, forget not my law, but let thine eyes keep my commandments.

For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them on the table of thine heart: So shall thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path.

PROVERBS 3:1-6

Winners in Mixed Bospiel

Excepting for the final game in the second event, the Irma Mixed Bospiel was finished up on Monday night. Weather conditions were fairly good—a few roads partially blown in but otherwise no serious threats to good curling. All games ran pretty well to schedule.

The bonuses and prizes were divided out as follows.

Grand Challenge

1. V. Torrance, W. Hubman, E. Fenton, Joan MacKay—table lamps.
2. A. Cook, R. Burton, Miss Touchette, Wm. Matthews—Pyrex cake pans.
3. S. M. Brown, W. Inkin, G. Coulman, Mrs. J. C. Savard—ups and saucers.
4. R. Brower, Irene Young, A. Smallwood, H. Loader—pens.

The Merchants competition is not complete because the final game between the Milne and Mac Kay rinks has not yet been played. We will give the results of that event next week.

M.W.U. Event

1. E. Prosser, R. Dunbar, A. Jackson, Mrs. E. Christensen—Casseroles.
2. M. Fahner, H. Barber, Mrs. G. Fischer, G. Elliott—Bifidolia.
3. H. Riley, Mrs. C. Smallwood, Donnie Morse, Irene Archibald—pyrex cake pans.
4. S. Fenton, Mrs. Meier, K. Cook, L. Kashman—tumblers.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all those who visited me, sent me letters, cards, gifts of fruit and candy, reading material and puzzles, while I was in the hospital and since I came home. A special "thank you" to Louis Orzechski, Battle River W.I. and all those who have helped in any way.

Allen Wyand.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to all of you who remembered me while I was in hospital, for the cards, letters and visits I received and also the beautiful flowers.

Arthur C. Charter.

4H Beef Club Spiel Held Saturday

The local 4-H Beef Club held their bospiel on Saturday, March 3, with two visiting and eight local rinks taking part. When the last rock was thrown, the visitors from Valley proved to be the masters of the game Saturday. The following is a list of the winners and their respective prizes:

Grand Challenge

1. Valley—wallets.
2. Viking—wallets.
3. Ronnie Firkus—softballs.
4. Donald Morse—chocolates.

Consolation

1. Gordon Firkus—flashlights.
2. Lorne Fuder—penknives.
3. John Fleming—cards.
4. Daniel Van Hylle—ornaments.

Our sincere thanks to all those who made possible our successful bospiel. —M. Dempsey, Press Reporter.

Gas Company Plans \$4,500,000 Program

A capital works program involving about \$4,500,000 is planned this year by Northwestern Utilities Ltd., according to D. K. Yorath, general manager.

The program is highlighted by line extensions to serve communities east and south of the city, and drilling of five new wells to augment system reserves.

Construction of a new office building in Edmonton is planned to start this year. It will be built on property purchased last year on 104 St., south of Jasper Ave. As planning is in the preliminary stages, size and cost of the building has not been determined.

Mr. Yorath said a major item in the capital program is \$400,000 to serve the communities of Mundare, Hilliard, Chipman, Lamont, Bruderheim, Josephburg and Millet.

Served By New Field

With the exception of Millet, these communities will be served from a new 42-mile transmission system which will be supplied from the company's new field in the Beaverhill Lake area, north of Tobelf. Millet will be served by a 13-mile extension from the company's existing line from the Texaco plant at Bonnie Glen to Edmonton.

"Franchise agreements have been submitted to the community councils and within the next few weeks will be placed before the electors," said Mr. Yorath. "If the results of the votes are satisfactory, construction of the

transmission and distribution system will commence early this year."

Approximately \$306,000 has been allocated for expansion of the company's field production facilities. Of this, \$168,000 is provided for drilling of five new wells.

New Main Line

More than \$1,000,000 is provided for extensions to the company's main transmission line system, the major item being completion of the existing fourth pipe line from the Viking-Kinsella field to Edmonton. This extension will consist of 13 miles of 20-inch pipe.

More than \$300,000 has been allocated for improvements to the distribution systems in Edmonton and other communities, in addition to \$375,000 for extensions to present distribution systems to serve new customers.

More than \$500,000 will be spent on service installations for new customers, meters and regulators.

In 1955 the company added 4,845 customers to its system, including 342 in Spruce Grove and Stony Plain. This year it is estimated it will add 4,800 customers, 700 in new communities. At the end of 1955, the company was serving 65,155 customers in 32 communities.

It is estimated the potential system demand for the 1956-57 winter might be 270,000,000 cubic feet per day, an increase of 17,000,000 over the peak of the current winter.

WITH THE District Agriculturist

By J. S. Duncan

Warble Fly Control

The cattlemen of Alberta take a heavy loss from warbles each year. This loss takes a variety of forms such as loss of weight of animals, reduced price because of trimming of meat required, reduced value of hides and so on. Most of this loss can be prevented by treating for warbles at the proper time. Cattle should be sprayed twice, the first time usually toward the end of March or whenever the first warbles start to emerge, and the second time about three weeks later. A sprayer with at least 450 lbs. pressure should be used if available. If a sprayer is not available the liquid can be applied using a stiff brush so as to get the chemical in to the warbles. If a whole district treats for warbles for a few years it will be found that there is soon no problem.

Forage Mixture

It is a well known fact that a mixture of grasses and legumes gives a better yield of hay or pasture than either one alone. As well as more bulk it is also better feed. The legumes provide much more protein than grass and protein is a very important part of feed. This year prices of grass and legume seed are generally lower than for sometime so this is a good year for deciding to make sure that you have an adequate supply of good hay growing on your farm. Anyone who is not sure about a mixture mix for hay or pasture can drop into my office and talk it over or get a bulletin on "Hay and Pasture Crops for Alberta."

Artificial Insemination

In 1956 a small group of dairy men around Weirwright decided that they could get places faster with their dairy herds by using Artificial Insemination. With the local veterinarian, Dr. Saville, making the arrangements for a supply of semen from B.C., the group started.

Recently the first heifer calf was born from the farm of Mr. Jack Spady. While A.I. is not really new to the district as Bill Dunbar of Irma has been using it for sometime, it is very encouraging to see this group of farmers starting into a definite program to improve their herds.

CHURCH SERVICES

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 18
Irma Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
Jarrov Worship Service 2:00 p.m.

Irma Bible Study in the church at 8:15 p.m.
Come and worship God on the Lord's Day.

H. W. Inglis.

Echo-Rodino

Bishop Clarke of Edmonton visited Rodino parish recently. He is undertaking to make some changes in this rural centre to make it easier and more pleasant for a small congregation.

Mrs. Norman Hollar is a patient in Viking hospital.

This being Education Week, parents are visiting classrooms in progress at Albert school.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Johnston on the birth of a daughter on March 4, a sister for Robbie.

The monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Lyn Hunter.

Despite expansion of Canadian manufacturing, only 40 per cent of Canadian exports are fully or chiefly manufactured goods while only 25 per cent of imports are manufactured goods.

SQUARE DANCE CALL

Irma square dancers were pleased to welcome visitors from Albert Circle A, Mannville and Weirwright clubs at their Wednesday evening, March 14 dance held in Kiefer's hall.

Performers and spectators enjoyed the complications provided when 16 dancers picked at random, were called up to work (and bowl) through a double set, that is, two ladies and two gentlemen teamed up to form one couple. When the dance is over you feel like you've been riding a runaway merry-go-round. Our next dances will be held Saturday, March 24 and April 7 in Kiefer's Hall, Irma, with "hoedown" Henry Lien again doing the calling. Lunch will be served.

NOTICE

Date of band practice has been changed to each Thursday at 8 p.m. until further notice.

For those who want to join, there will be a membership fee of \$1.00 per year. This money will be used for music only. No charge will be made for instructions as we feel that Irma needs a Band and with co-operation from everyone, we can have one, and a good one.

Our greatest need at present is INSTRUMENTS.

PLEASE, anyone knowing of second hand Band instruments that we could Rent, Buy or Borrow, please contact Mrs. G. Hurst.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Irma HSA will meet on Monday evening, March 19 in the school. All members are requested to be present.

Kinsella News

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Zelinski on the birth of a daughter, born in the Viking hospital on Thursday, March 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Simmons spent a few days in the city last week.

The members of the Kinsella Elks lodge entertained their wives, lady friends and members of the OORP on Wednesday. During the evening, bingo, a picture show and dancing were enjoyed. A bountiful lunch was served by the members of the BPOE.

Mrs. M. Reiz was a visitor to Edmonton on Saturday.

"Tommy Oakes rink won the second prize in the second event in the Viking open bospiel. With him were Frank Murray, Ralph Storkbakken and Roy Storkbakken was skip.

The Kinsella Legion rink won first prize in the main event at Sedgewick on Friday and Saturday. The rink consisted of Geo. Peterson, Allan Barker, Eric Oakes and Jack McKie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Yule and Mr. Tom Yule of Viking were visiting at the home of Mrs. R. Cormack on Friday.

The annual St. Patrick's dance sponsored by the W.I. will be held on Friday, March 16. Come and bring your friends and have a good time. Prizes for novelty dances will be given during the evening. A quilt and tablecloth will be raffled.

Donation to the Sunday School in memory of Mr. L. Loader from Mrs. R. Stevens.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Loader during the week-end were Mr. S. Loader of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnston and baby son of Irma.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

The Afternoon Group of the W.A. is holding a Strawberry Shortcake Tea in the basement of the United Church on April 7 at 3 p.m.

Prize Winners In Amateur Hour

On March 10 the Buffalo Coulee W.I. sponsored an amateur hour in Kiefer's Hall. Although weather conditions and flu bugs weren't too co-operative, the hall was nearly full.

A vote of thanks goes to Mr. Stan Murray who so generously supplied the public address system.

The Buffalo Coulee W.I. chorus sang opening and closing numbers. During intermissions, Mrs. P. Miller and Mrs. A. Fleming sang a duet and Mrs. C. Ramsey supplied two readings.

Mr. Black made the contestants feel at ease with the usual kind manner as master of ceremonies. Mrs. S. Lefsrud, Viking and Mrs. D. Gunn were very capable judges, with Mrs. McLean assisting. Prizes went to the following. Order given are 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

7-8 year old group—Little Gloria Savard, piano solo.

9-10 year old group—Audlene Clumstad, piano solo; Wallace Dunbar, accordion solo.

11-12 year old group—Lawrence Larson, piano solo; Johnny Murray, vocal solo; Johnny Murray, piano solo.

13-18 year old group—Carol and Marjory Matthews, piano duet; Cecil Dubie, vocal solo.

Adult vocal group—Ernie Nilson and Gordon Hollinger, duet; Jim Lingley, solo, guitar accompaniment.

Adult instrumental group—Lawrence Cook and John Bourcharde, violin and guitar; Lorna Prosser and Mrs. H. Barsa, accordion duet.

KIEFER'S SHOWS AT IRMA

Friday, March 16

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Report From Parliament Hill



By Jas. A. Smith, Member of Parliament for Battle River-Camrose Federal Constituency.

The third session of the 22nd Parliament is now in its third month. The last two months have been an interesting experience for me. The House of Commons is a large building with over 2½ miles of hallways alone. Just to be able to find one's way around this building is an accomplishment in itself. Then the task of becoming acquainted with the Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, the Departmental Heads and other civil servants requires a lot of time. The life of the city of Ottawa mostly centres around Parliament and in this respect it is unique. When one realizes that there are over 32,000 civil servants residing here, it is relatively easy to appreciate what the Government of Canada means to the economy of this city.

The actual work of this session of Parliament up to the present time has been roughly divided into five rather broad fields. The DEBATE in reply to the Speech from the Throne, a brief DISCUSSION on external affairs which dealt largely with the tension which now exists in the Middle East and the shipment of instruments of war from Canada; a prolonged, and at times, VERY heated debate on the \$1,500 bank loan to farmers; a relatively short examination into the field of RESEARCH generally with emphasis being placed on the role of the government in this particular field. It was at this time that some thought was directed to the possible use of atomic energy in a peace time society, and finally resolutions submitted for consideration by private members. This last group deals with such topics as bills to amend small loans act, the National Park Act, the Civil Service Act, the Unemployment Insurance Act, the Income Tax Act and so on. As a limited time is allowed for the debate on these private members' resolutions, they, in nearly all instances, meet the fate of being "talked out" and relegated to the bottom of the list for further consideration. I have been given to understand that there are some private members' bills which have been on the Order Paper for many years and have never reached the voting stage.

As your Member, I was particularly interested in the debate on the \$1,500 bank loan and in the course of this discussion of this bill in its various stages, I spoke three times. We supported the vote to move this bill from the resolution stage to that of first reading because that was the only way we had of finding the proposed terms of the bill. However we consistently argued against the Bank Loan and mentioned that cash advances on farm stored grain was the only fair immediate solution. We condemned the government, not the Wheat Board, for its failure to provide export markets. Hon. C. D. Howe during the course of the debate attempted to insinuate that anyone who was opposed to the \$1,500 Bank Loan was out to wreck the Wheat Board. These insinuations were answered in no uncertain terms by all opposition parties. I believe that it was definitely established that all political groups felt that the Wheat Board had done a magnificent job within the orbit permitted it by the present Federal Government. One can certainly not blame the Wheat Board for the shortage of box cars. Perhaps Mr. Howe will some time give a clear cut answer to this particular situation. Up until now, he has blamed everything and everybody, except the faulty marketing policy of his own government.

When the terms of this particular bill were made known to us, we realized that it was nothing more than an attempt to guarantee that the Chartered Banks of Canada were assured against loss. Mr. Hansell, as acting leader of our group, moved an amendment which, had it carried, would have reduced the interest from 5 to 3 percent. We felt that this amendment was just and fair—the Wheat Board can borrow money at 3 percent—why not then extend this right to the farmer who through no fault of his own could not market his wheat. It was established during the debate that no attempt had been made by the Government to convince the banks that a lower rate of interest was justified. Mr. Quelch, Social Credit Member for Acadia, did get Mr. Howe to promise that the bill would be revised to allow for special bin storage of wheat. The penalties for failure to repay the loan were also raised during the industry discussion of the bill. What we want the Government to do immediately is to come forth with a long range policy as far as agriculture is concerned; a policy which will assure those engaged in this industry a fair share of the national income. This is certainly not the case now. In 1954 the 19 percent of the population of Canada who were engaged in agriculture received 6.8 percent of the national income. Surely agriculture is worthy of better than this. We will continue to urge the Government of the immediate necessity of establishing the Canadian Industry on a stable and equitable basis.

As the session progresses, it is my intention to submit further reports through the medium of the weekly papers within Battle River-Camrose and in closing I wish to thank the editors of these papers for the community spiritiveness in extending this privilege to me.

VERMILION

Elks Newspaper Car Bingo

The Bingo numbers drawn to date are as follows:

B—7, 9, 12, 14, 1, 3, 10, 11, 8, 5,
I—17, 23, 28, 29, 30, 26, 19,
20, 22, 18,
N—31, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, 45, 36,
39, 43, 41, 35,
G—48, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 60, 57,
54, 58, 46,
O—68, 71, 74, 75, 72, 69, 61, 67,
73, 63, 64, 65, 70.

The "E" Bingo has been called on February 20 draw. The last chance is the "black out."

The value of Canada's primary textile production is greater than the value of the country's annual wheat crop.

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Alberta's going places with

Progressive HEALTH Services

Good health is the most valuable of all resources of any country. In Alberta the Department of health is responsible for safeguarding this resource by seeking to prevent disease or, when it strikes, to assist in the recovery of the afflicted.

Today Government Health Services are offered on a scale that was financially impossible a few years ago. A large share of the provincial income is diverted to maintaining the highest possible standard of public health.

Last year the overall expenditure for health services in Alberta—nearly \$24,500,000—was 7½ times the amount spent ten years ago.

What does this money provide for the people of Alberta? It provides direct health benefits in the way of—

1. HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES—such as hospital grants; supervision of hospitals; free maternity hospitalization; hospitalization of various pensioners and recipients of mothers' allowances, and the provincial hospital insurance program.
2. PROVINCIAL LABORATORIES—distribution of serums and vaccines; examinations and analysis for the detection and control of disease.
3. MENTAL HEALTH—hospitalization, medical and nursing care and treatment for the mentally ill.
4. SOCIAL HYGIENE—cure and control of venereal diseases through clinics and lectures.
5. TUBERCULOSIS DIVISION—free diagnosis and treatment service for all tuberculosis cases.
6. CANCER—diagnosis, radium, X-ray, surgical and cobalt "bomb" treatments for cancer sufferers.
7. CEREBRAL PALSY—diagnosis and treatment clinics.
8. RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS CLINICS—90 days' free hospitalization and treatment for Albertans under 25 years of age.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOR BETTER PUBLIC HEALTH

1. PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS—literature, lectures, radio programs and motion pictures to encourage better health practices.
2. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES—recording the incidence of communicable diseases; providing information on the most effective methods of prevention and control.
3. ENTOMOLOGY—studies and practices the control of insect-borne diseases.
4. SANITARY ENGINEERING—supervises water supplies and sewage disposal systems; inspects hotels, restaurants, slaughter houses and dairies in rural communities.
5. NUTRITION—conducts educational work for better eating habits and more nourishing diets.
6. VITAL STATISTICS—records all births, marriages and deaths.
7. PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING—organizes health programs for rural communities.



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GARDEN NOTES

Steady improvement over years in flowers, vegetables

In flowers and vegetables, just as with cereals and radishes, there has been steady improvement over the years. Our grandparents would hardly recognize some of the things they would see in the gardens of today. They may have thought they had brilliant blooms in flowers and mouth watering quality in vegetables; but there is just no comparison with the range and quality available now.

There are all sorts of new and vivid colors. We have blues, reds and whites that were unknown even a few years ago. We have really stringless beans and celery, coreless carrots, sweeter corn and crispier lettuce. And we have more than that. We have certain vegetables and flowers today that will grow and mature or bloom well before frost in Central and even Northern Canada that a couple of decades back we would hardly have dared to plant in southern British Columbia, the Niagara peninsula or the Annapolis valley. We can thank the plant breeders for this. As they have given us faster growing or quicker maturing varieties they have steadily moved gardening farther and farther north.

Take corn, or melons or tomatoes, for instance, or apples, roses or lilacs. With the only varieties available 25 or 30 years ago there was not a chance of growing these

things except in the very mildest parts of the country. Now, the harder varieties of these can be grown over a wide range of Canada, and grown well.

First operations.—Aside from plans and orders for seed and other stock, and those pleasant jobs can be done at once regardless of what the thermometer says, there are some other operations which can start almost immediately.

First of these will be the preparation of a hot-bed or window flat in which we start things like zinnias, petunias, asters, tomatoes and so on for later transplanting outside. March is the month for this sort of gardening in most parts of Canada. There are shrubs and tree plants. The sooner these things go into the soil the better. In the same category will be the planting of sweet peas. If we can find a spot fit to dig in March or early April, the more bloom we are sure to get later on.

Invite the birds.—Almost all birds are the gardeners' friend; and we would do well to attract them not only as protection against insects but for their own beauty. Invitations there are in plenty. Shrubs and trees, flower boxes, feeding stations and wistering or bathing pools, all will help to bring wrens and orioles and robins. But we can do more than this.

There are certain bright flowers that have a special appeal for humming birds. There are all sorts of shrubs with bright and edible fruit or seeds that will invite Cardinals. It pays well to study the special likes of the birds, to plant things that will produce food and shelter in winter as well as in summer.

Cutting garden.—In recent years the fine old custom of filling our home with an abundance of fresh flowers has been revived. And we can do this easily and at little cost if we have a cutting garden somewhere out with the vegetables or at the back. Here, in regular rows, we grow those flowers which are especially beautiful for bouquets or potting, and we can cut generously without marring the show of the flowers in the regular beds out in front. Here too, we grow things like sweet peas and gladioli, the foliage of which is not especially attractive for the regular beds.

Many gardeners make a regular practice of saving a little flower seed from each packet and planting this in or along the edges of the vegetable garden for their bouquet supply, and a few flowers along with the vegetables, of course, add beauty to themselves.

Lake Superior, longest of the Great Lakes, is 350 miles in length

Canadian statistics report

(A Weekly Review)

Foreign Trade: Commodity imports in the 12 months of 1955 rose 15 percent over 1954 to reach a new record value for a year. Exports were up 10 percent over 1954 but were still slightly below the 1952 peak value. The result of these increases was a 1955 surplus of \$380,200,000, the largest on record.

Merchandising: Retail sales last year amounted to an estimated \$12,875,000,000, nearly 7 percent above the estimated total value for 1954 and the highest value ever recorded. Both independent and chain stores shared in the sales gain, and dollar value of sales was higher than the previous year in all provinces except Saskatchewan. . . . Department store sales rose 7 percent in January over a year earlier and in the week ending February 11 were nearly 7 percent higher. . . . Estimated sales of wholesalers to the end of November last year showed over 12 percent rise over 1954.

Industrial Production: Measured by the Bureau's composite index, industrial production in Canada last year was 8.7 percent larger than in 1954. Manufacturing averaged 7.4 percent higher, mining 15.6 percent, electricity and gas output 8.3 higher.

Electric Power: Output of electric energy by central electric stations rose 10 percent in 1955 with gains in every province except New Brunswick. Biggest increase was in Ontario, but Quebec was still the largest producer by a substantial margin.

Family Growth: Average size of families in Canada at June 1 last year is estimated at 3.8 persons, up from 3.7 a year earlier. The number of families increased 2.6 percent in the year to an estimated 3,685,000.

Labor: Total employment showed the usual seasonal decline in the six weeks from December 10 to January 21, but the drop was smaller than at the same time last year. The number of persons with jobs fell an estimated 167,000 but was 228,000 larger than a year earlier; while the number without jobs and seeking work increased an estimated 85,000 but was 77,000 less than last year.

Food: Increases over a year earlier were reported for February 1 stocks of creamy butter, meat, and principal stored vegetables; decreases for cheese, eggs, frozen fish. . . . Production of creamy butter, cheddar cheese, and concentrated milk products was larger this January 2154



MONUMENTAL.—This leather golf bag, fashioned in the shape of the Washington Monument, was recently sent to President Eisenhower by Mr. and Mrs. Ples H. Swan, of Flint, Mich. On it are inscribed pictures of the Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the White House, names of all the presidents and members of the current Cabinet. Some 200 hours of work went into its execution.



"PILGRIMS" SHIP MAKES PROGRESS.—Workmen use adzes to smooth ribs of a 20th Century Mayflower as they work on the ship at Upham shipyard in Britain. Twenty-one men, assisted as were the pilgrims of 1620, are scheduled to sail the near replica of the Mayflower to the United States later this year. The 65-foot-long craft is being constructed in much the same fashion as was the original Mayflower.

Cutworm finds food source in plant sap

Nutrition studies by the Department of Entomology, University of Alberta, indicate that it is not so much the plant tissues as the sap of the plant that is important in the diet of the pale western cutworm. And there is a very significant reason, advises Dr. Brian Hocking, Professor of Entomology who directed the studies.

One discovery in the course of the work was the remarkable shortage of enzymes in the body of the cutworm larva. Enzymes play an important part in living things. Complex in structure, their function is to assist in breaking down food substances to the point where they can be readily assimilated.

But the cutworm grub has so arranged its mode of life as to dispense with some of these enzymes. Instead of producing them for itself it relies on those produced in the tissues of the plant. Inability of the pale western cutworm to break down the more complex proteins in its food when it can find most of the nitrogen in its diet already in simple form.

These nitrogen supplies are most abundantly available at the base of the seedling shoot where they are being moved from reserves in the kernel to the growing parts of the young plant. Dr. Hocking reports. Here, in the sowing pan, the cutworm finds its requirements well prepared and obtains its sustenance with little effort.

Funny and Otherwise

Little Mary was heart-broken when her pet canary died, and to pacify her, her father gave her a cigar-box for a coffin, and assisted in burying the box in the garden.

"Dad," whispered Mary after the funeral, "will my dear canary go to heaven?"

"I expect so," replied her father. "Why?"

"I was only thinking," murmured the youngster, "how cross St. Peter will be when he opens the box and finds it isn't cigars."

Long-married, Pa drove on in silence.

Just before sunset, the couple passed the same lake on their way home. There, silhouetted by the setting sun, were a goose and gander, gliding along the water.

"Pa," said the wife, "look at the goose and gander, still real peaceful. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people could live like that?"

"Gee," said the farmer, "if you look a little closer, you'll notice that ain't the same gander!"

At a testimonial banquet for Thomas Edison, the toastmaster paid a special tribute to him as the inventor of the first talking machine. When it came Edison's turn to acknowledge the applause of the guests, he said: "I thank the gentleman for his kind remarks, but I must insist upon a correction. God invented the talking machine. I only invented the first one that can be shut off."

Remote dusty village becomes modern Turkey's boom town

ANKARA.—When the Ottoman Empire toppled and the rule of the sultans ended, the remote dusty village of Ankara became the capital of the new Turkish Republic. Today, three decades later, Ankara is Turkey's boom town, a modern metropolis thriving high atop the Anatolian Plateau.

At first glance, Ankara appears to be a brand new city. But behind the modern facades of concrete and glass a reporter found the old village settled 3,000 years ago.

Fragments of the past are visible in the stone of the temple built in honor of the Roman Emperor Augustus; in Justinian's Column and the Roman baths dating from the third century, and in the crumbling walls and towers of the Citadel. Several mosques famous for their elaborate mosaics were built during the Middle Ages. Ankara, recently linked with North America by direct flights from New York, boasts show places such as the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the founder of the Turkish Republic, the Victory Monument, the State Opera, the University, the Stadium and the Grand National Assembly.

Still another major point of interest is the smart shopping district called Kizilay, lined with hotels, restaurants, theatres and sidewalk cafes. Shops are crisscrossed with fabulous bargains in copper, silver, embroidery, silks and pottery.

The big buy is mohair, the woolen cloth made from Ankara goats, which are known as angora. Sweaters and lap rugs are under \$5 apiece. Pottery, baked in rich old Turkish designs and colors, is

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By RAYMOND WILCOVE (Correspondent for CPIC)

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The intrepid airmen are Capt. Edward G. Sperry and Lt. Henry P. Nielsen. They will make the assault upon space in a giant, manned balloon, the Explorer III, now under construction by the Air Force.

The attempt will be made some time this year. No definite date has yet been set.

The two men will make six balloon flights, each one higher than the other.

One man will jump at the peak of each flight. His partner will cut the balloon adrift and will ride the specially-constructed fiberglass gondola down to about 20,000 feet. There he also will jump, while a special parachute will guide the gondola and its instruments to the ground.

The men will wear pressure suits and warm clothing to protect them against the subzero temperatures they will encounter in the thin atmosphere. Purpose of the tests is to determine how well pilots survive when forced to eject from supersonic planes still on the drawing board.

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British diesel engine in U.S. vehicles

A U.S. car manufacturer is fitting a British diesel engine as standard equipment for the first time in motoring history.

It was revealed at the Brussels Motor Show that Chrysler are offering a Perkins four-cylinder diesel engine in the Plymouth Belvedere as an alternative to the conventional petrol power unit.

This diesel engine has a 3½-inch bore, a 5-inch stroke and a swept volume of 2.14 litres. It is capable of developing 58 b.h.p. at 3,000 r.p.m.

The firm, whose engines are used in 143 countries and whose monthly production totals more than 5,000 engines, pulled off another surprise at the show. It was announced that one of their engines would also be available as first equipment in a U.S. truck made by the Chrysler Corporation.

This company is offering the six-cylinder Perkins P-6 engine as an optional first equipment. The engine has the same dimensions as the P-4, plus two extra cylinders, and develops 83 b.h.p.

No machine as efficient as a cow

A man-made machine receives all kinds of attention—grease jobs, oil changes for temperature changes, valve grindings, piston rings and sparkplugs.

When it becomes too expensive to run such a machine it is traded in on a new one. Yet with all this attention these machines are not nearly so efficient a mechanism as is a good dairy cow.

Every dairyman knows how many miles to the gallon his car will give and how many gallons to the horsepower hour his tractor will do. He should know the similar efficiency factors of the cows in his herd.

How much money do you spend on feed per hundred pounds of milk production for each cow? Are some of these cows producing more milk per hundred pounds of feed than others? What about the butter fat production for each cow—are some of your cows keeping the herd average below the provincial average?

Production records and the Provincial Cow Testing Service are designed to answer just these questions. Once the cows are pointed out that are "borderers" and those barely paying for the feed and labor put into them, the dairyman's course of action becomes obvious.

Ray P. Dixon, Supervisor of Alberta's Dairy Herd Improvement Plan, points out that the last 10 years have shown that the cows on the Provincial Cow Testing plan have doubled the production of the average Alberta dairy cow.

Your dairy cow, like any other machine on your farm, needs an efficiency check—she may be costing you far more money than you know. Speak to your District Agriculturist for further information on the Provincial Cow Testing Plan.

FIRST MEETING

Francisco and Antonio Manzano, 21-year-old twin brothers who live 30 miles apart in Spain, met for the first time the other day. Raised in different foundling homes, each knew he had a twin brother without knowing where he was. A friend of Francisco mistook Antonio for him on the street, and after the mistaken identity was cleared up the brothers were reunited.

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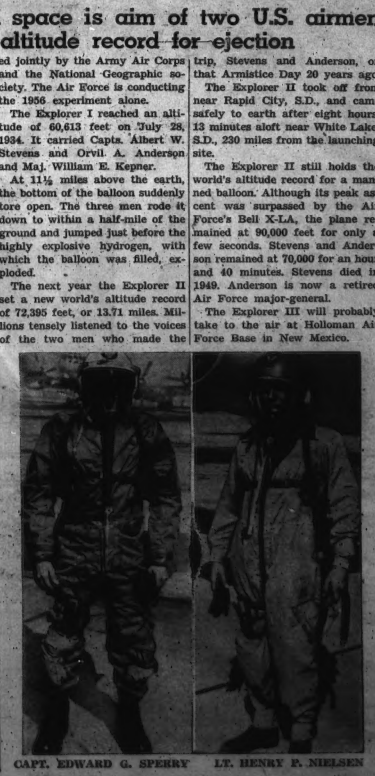
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Local News

Mrs. Syd Johnston and Mrs. Dick Dawson attended the funeral of Mrs. Johnston's aunt in Edmonton last week.

The afternoon group of the W.A. is holding a sale of home cooking in the Irma Food Market on March 17.

Miss Audrey Jones is a patient this week in Viking hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Evans have just returned from a two weeks motor trip to Washington with stop overs at Lethbridge, Nelson and Trail. They encountered quite a difference in climatic conditions here and there. At Washington the thermometer stood at 50 above. In Rossland, B.C., snow was piled up to the roofs of the buildings while at Lethbridge there was no snow at all but a very unfortunate condition had developed there when severe weather had frozen solid the dugouts from which the cattle get their water supply. This had caused great suffering and loss among stock.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. K. Teeter, the former Joy Enger, at Wainwright hospital on Saturday, March 10, a son, Darrell Martin.

Messrs. C. Anquist and Haakon Larson have been in the city attending the John Deere tractor school.

Further donations to the cancer fund in memory of the late Mr. L. Loades from Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gunn and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Larson. The donation published last week as Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fischer should have read Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fischer.

Mr. J. E. Ballantine was kicked by a cow last Friday and now has a broken ankle in a cast.

Mr. Ross Eaton is a patient in Viking hospital.

Mrs. C. F. Lang is an Edmonton visitor this week. Vera Prior is looking after the drug store in her absence.

Folks are complaining that the strong sunlight on the snow is causing sore eyes. It may be that, or the eye strain caused as we all try to look over the snow banks to see if spring is just around the corner. So far we haven't been able to even see the corner.

Erling Larson is attending the Otter tractor school in Edmonton this week.

Several rinks from the Irma club attended a mixed bonspiel held at Wainwright on Tuesday evening.

The March meeting of St. Mary's W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. M. T. Meakins on Thursday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allred, the former Marion Long, at Wainwright hospital, Wednesday, March 14, a son.

Mr. Overt Lovig is taking treatment in Wainwright hospital.

Mrs. Zoost, Mr. and Mrs. W. Symington, Della and Allen motored to Dawson Creek on Saturday last to attend the wedding of Miss Dorothy Ambler, granddaughter of Mrs. Zoost and niece of Mrs. Symington.

Jack and Arthur Peterson of Edmonton came to Irma last week-end to visit with their mother Mrs. Jennie Peterson and other Irma relatives.

Mr. A. Ronaghan has been ill for several days and Mrs. R. O. Larson is teaching for him at the school here.

Ronald Currie has taken over the Trucking Service formerly owned by Elks Shaw.

The Irma Elks began a bonspiel on Wednesday with ten rinks entered. Outside points are represented.

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In order to settle the estate of the late Mrs. R. D. Allen of Irma (now deceased) offers will be accepted up to and including March 24, 1956 for the following:

4 roomed house with furnace, on 55 ft. lot in West Irma, and furniture as listed:
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—Enquire of Mrs. M. J. Chase, Phone 52, Irma. Mail offers to M. B. Allen, Violet Grove, Alta., or M. J. Chase, Irma; M. B. Allen will be at Irma, March 26 to complete details of sale.

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